

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
NOVEMBER 19, 2014**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, November 19, 2014, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order. Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm called the roll.

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
Gregory Schnarr	Present
David Prechtel	Absent
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Earl Schmitt	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. Six of the seven council members were in attendance which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes.

The following minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council:

1. October 22, 2014 regular common council meeting

A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried 6-0.

Boy Scouts. Mayor Seitz welcomed the boy scouts from Troop 180 that were in attendance. They are working on a citizenship in the community badge.

Forest Park students. Mayor Seitz welcomed eight Forest Park High School students who were in attendance as part of their government class.

Utility Service Board. General Manager of Utilities Gerald ‘Bud’ Hauersperger gave a report on the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on November 17, 2014. A copy of the Utility Service Board minutes is supplied to each council member.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-28 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A LOAN OF FUNDS BETWEEN THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT AND THE WATER DEPARTMENT WITHIN JASPER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

This ordinance authorizes a \$1,450,000 loan from the electric department to the water department for the UV Project.

A motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Randall Buchta to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Raymond Howard to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2014-28. Motion carried 6-0.

Tax abatement application-Braun Family Properties and Meyer Distributing Mike Braun, manager for Braun Family Properties LLC and CEO for Meyer Distributing Inc, said applications for real and personal property tax abatement were submitted to the economic development commission for consideration. He said they are purchasing the Inwood property located on E. 15th Street. Part of the business plan is to have a third party logistics business. They plan to start with the Inwood property then build two warehouses at the 30th and Mill Streets property.

When completing the annual compliance form, Council member Gregory Schnarr asked Braun how he will make sure that there is not duplication when reporting employee information from the previous project application from this project application. Braun said they will have to maintain good records and will have to make sure they exceed the number of employees that will satisfy both projects particularly in overlapping abatement years.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-13 RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL DESIGNATING A PORTION OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, AS AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA [Braun Family Properties, LLC and Meyer Distributing Inc]

This is the declaratory resolution for Braun Family Properties, LLC and Meyer Distributing Inc tax abatement for 1108 E 15th St [Inwood property] and at 30th and Mill Streets.

A motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to consider the resolution for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member Randall Buchta to read the resolution by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the resolution. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2014-13. Motion carried 6-0.

Informational TIF presentation. Mayor Seitz introduced Ed Curtin a consultant with CWC Latitudes. Also present was Rich Starkey an attorney with Barnes and Thornburg. Curtin said he has been working with the City since April about the possibility of creating a tax increment financing [TIF] district. He did a walk-through of the four-step process. The primary focus is to create a tool for businesses to grow in Jasper. He said the intent is to help the City get in a position to provide incentives to business.

Council member Gregory Schnarr asked several questions such as if the 25-year duration of the TIF district could be shortened, if the proposed map could be modified, and how tax abatement can compliment upfront in a TIF district.

Council member Kevin Manley said he believes in tax abatement and is not convinced the City needs another tool such as TIF. He does not like the 25-year period and he does not like that other taxing units do not get certain tax money.

Representatives from Dubois County, the airport, and the school corporation were in attendance. Mayor Seitz asked if any of them wanted to make comments. Dubois County Council members Greg Kendall and Martha Wehr and Dubois County Commissioner Larry Vollmer expressed their concern about the proposed TIF district such as the size of the district, the length of time, and that the redevelopment commission controls the funds.

Curtin and Starkey answered the questions and addressed the concerns from the council members as well as from the Dubois County officials.

Dubois Strong. Ed Cole, the new president of Dubois Strong, appeared before the council to introduce himself and give a short report. He said they are working on two things, a housing study and establishing a logistics council for training for truck driving.

Local police continuing education fund [LPCE]. Assistant Police Chief Nathan Schmitt requested the council approve a \$40,000 appropriation from the local police continuing education fund for 2015 so the police department can purchase an additional police vehicle and purchase a side-by-side utility vehicle. He said there is approximately \$65,000 in that fund.

A motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to proceed with the \$40,000 appropriation from the LPCE Fund. Motion carried 6-0.

Council member Thomas Schmidt asked if there will be an ordinance for this appropriation. Clerk-Treasurer Boehm said yes, formal approval has to be in the form of an ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-26 AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

This ordinance transfers appropriations within a department for 2014.

A motion was made by Council member Raymond Howard and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2014-26. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-27 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

This ordinance appropriates additional money for the EDIT Fund, RDC-General Fund, and the Storm Water Management Fund for 2014.

A motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Raymond Howard to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Randall Buchta to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2014-27. Motion carried 6-0.

Gas inspector. Mayor Seitz said the Gas Department wants Water and Gas Engineer Brad Thomas to be a gas inspector. In order to do so one of the requirements is to pass the same tests that are required to be taken to become a licensed gas installer. Thomas scored 94% on the test and answered all mandatory questions correctly.

A motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to approve Brad Thomas to be a gas inspector. Motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved _____ with X without corrections or clarification this 17th day of December, 2014.

Mayor Terry Seitz
Presiding Officer

Attest: _____
Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer